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a rotary actuator for rotating the ratchet toward the closed position and for disengaging the pawl from the at least one detent surface;

a drive actuator including a prime mover, an output member in engagement with the rotary actuator, and a clutch coupled between the prime mover and the output member for selectively transferring torque between the prime mover and the rotary actuator;

a drive controller for controlling the operation of the drive actuator, the drive controller being coupled to the clutch and being configured for disengaging the prime mover from the rotary actuator when the ratchet is disposed in one of the closed and open positions; and

said rotary actuator having a cinching arm engaging said ratchet upon rotation of said rotary actuator in a first sense to rotate the ratchet towards the closed position, and said rotary actuator having a relating arm engaging said pawl upon rotation of said rotary actuator in a second sense opposite said first sense to disengage the pawl from the at least one detent surface.

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Please amend claim 4 as follows:

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4. The power door latch assembly according to claim 3, wherein the rotary actuator includes a lost motion linkage for allowing limited rotational movement of the ratchet relative to the rotary actuator when the ratchet is disposed in the open position.

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Please amend claim 6 as follows:

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6. The power door latch assembly according to claim 5, wherein the drive controller includes a first switch for selectively operating the prime mover, and the pawl includes a finger disposed for engagement with the first switch when the rotary actuator is disposed in the null position.

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[Please amend claim 7 as follows]

7. The power door latch assembly according to claim 6, wherein the drive controller includes a second switch for selectively operating the clutch, and the ratchet includes a cam

surface disposed for engagement with the second switch when the ratchet is disposed in the closed position.

A3 Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. The power door latch assembly according to claim 7, including a manual release lever, and the pawl includes an arm coupled to the release lever for releasing the pawl from the ratchet upon activation of the release lever.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. The power door latch assembly according to claim 8, wherein the ratchet is disposed for rotation about a first axis, and the pawl is disposed for rotation for about a fixed axis parallel to the first axis

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Please amend claim 11 as follows:

Sub B1 11. A door assembly comprising:

a door pivotable about a door axis and including a latch actuation lever and an aperture for receiving a striker plate therein; and

A4 a power door latch assembly disposed within the door and being in communication with the latch actuation lever for selectively securing the door to the striker plate in accordance with a state of the actuation lever; the power door latch assembly including a ratchet for engaging the striker, the ratchet being rotatable between a closed position and an open position and including at least one detent surface and biasing member for biasing the ratchet towards the open position;

a pawl for engaging the at least one detent surface to selectively resist rotation of the ratchet towards the open position;

a rotary actuator for rotating the ratchet toward the closed position and for disengaging the pawl from the at least one detent surface;

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a drive actuator including a prime mover, an output member in engagement with the rotary actuator, and a clutch coupled between the prime mover and the output member for selectively transferring torque between the prime mover and the rotary actuator;

a drive controller for controlling the operation of the drive actuator, the drive controller being coupled to the clutch and being configured for disengaging the prime mover from the rotary actuator when the ratchet is disposed in one of the closed and open positions; and

said rotary actuator having a cinching arm engaging said ratchet upon rotation of said rotary actuator in a first sense to rotate the ratchet towards the closed position, and said rotary actuator having a relating arm engaging said pawl upon rotation of said rotary actuator in a second sense opposite said first sense to disengage the pawl from the at least one detent surface.

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